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NEWS RELEASE

Eleven Charged After Social Media Post Shows Theft of Star Bulbs

Date/Time: 06/30/2016, 07/06/2016 (10:00 p.m., & 10:30 p.m.), & 07/07/2016
Location: 1600 Scenic Dr.
Arrested 1: 17-year old Miguel Perez of El Paso, TX
Arrested 2: 18-year old Victoria Sanchez of El Paso, TX
Arrested 3: 20-year old Alejandro Mora of El Paso, TX
Arrested 4: 18-year old Javier Castro of El Paso, TX
Arrested 5: 17-year old Oscar Valdez of Ft. Hancock, TX
Arrested 6: 17-year old Gabriel Gonzalez of Fabens, TX
Arrested 7: 17-year old Sabrina Gonzalez of Fabens, TX
Juvenile 8-11: 16-year old Male, 16-year old Male, 16-year old Male, 16-year Male

EL PASO, TEXAS: Investigators and Officers assigned to the El Paso Police Department's Central Regional Command Center have arrested and charged 7 adults and detained 4 juveniles with offenses ranging from Criminal Trespass to Theft. The offenses occurred to the star which is located on the southern end of the Franklin Mountains and has become an El Paso symbol. Investigators were made aware of the Thefts after a posting on Social Media. As a result of the investigation Miguel Perez, Victoria Sanchez, and Alejandro Mora were charged with Theft and Criminal Trespass from an incident of 06-30-2016 and all their Bonds were \$1,000.00. On 07-06-2016 @ 10:00 p.m., Officers detained 3 juvenile males who were charged with Criminal Trespass and cited for Theft. At 10:30 p.m., that same day officer arrested 18-year old Javier Castro (Bond \$300.00) and a 16-year old Male juvenile for Criminal Trespass. On 07/07/2016 @ 11:14 p.m., Officers arrested three 17-year olds, Oscar Valdez, Gabriel Gonzalez, and Sabrina Gonzalez for Criminal Trespass. All individuals were located on the mountain and the stolen light bulbs recovered in the cases of theft. The El Paso Police Department will continue to monitor this area. These arrests are a result of four separate incidents/cases.

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